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Sent: Thur 1/14/2016 3:53:24 PM
Subject: Drinking water in hoosick falls time sensitive
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Hi Jerome. Epa has been dealing with a serious issue in hoosick falls ny regarding the public water supply serving just under 5,000 people being contaminated. The email below will give you a sense of the issue. A local company is providing 5 gallons a day of free water per household. The company will also soon install carbon filtration to lower the level of toxic contamination. Some are asking for fema involvement. I don't know if this fits your criteria for activation. If you could get me even a preliminary answer by 5pm today I would be grateful. I am on the road. Your chief of staff could call my chief of staff, Lisa PLEVIN at 212 637 5000 with questions. I am speaking in the community tonight at 6 and thus question may come up. Thanks so much Jerome. See u soon. Best, Judith

From: "Simon, Paul" <Simon.Paul@epa.gov>
Date: January 14, 2016 at 10:42:42 AM EST
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Subject: Fwd: Please Help!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Romanowski, Larisa" <Romanowski.Larisa@epa.gov>
Date: January 14, 2016 at 10:25:40 AM EST
To: "Evangelista, Pat" <Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov>, "Maddaloni, Mark" <Maddaloni.Mark@epa.gov>, "Simon, Paul" <Simon.Paul@epa.gov>, "Pabst, Douglas" <Pabst.Douglas@epa.gov>
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Please see inquiry and response below. Highlight added by me. -Larisa

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From: Romanowski, Larisa

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 10:18 AM

To: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Subject: RE: Please Help!

Hi Stuart,

Thanks for reaching out to us. We are very sorry that your community has been faced with this situation. You've provided a lot of information here and seem to have a lot of questions. Please note that EPA Region 2 is participating in a public meeting **tonight at 6pm** in the High School Auditorium, to discuss the PFOA in the public water supply. I would strongly encourage you to attend this meeting, which is being sponsored by the local community group Healthy Hoosick Water (flier attached). I anticipate that many of these topics will be discussed and we would be happy to speak with you further about any additional questions that you have.

Regards, Larisa

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From: Stuart McCune [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 9:40 AM

To: Romanowski, Larisa

Subject: Please Help!

Stuart McCune

[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

January 14, 2016

Dear Mrs. Larisa Romanowski,

My name is Stuart McCune I am writing because of my concern with the contamination of the Hoosick Falls water due to the outrageous amounts of PFOA. I am a senior at Hoosick Falls Central School and currently live in the village at [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] and have been drinking this water all my life not knowing the dangers. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] watching sickness and death around me has brought about this concern to me. I am even more concerned for my health and others because as a child I would go sledding down the hill at the factory with a bunch of other neighborhood kids. It's scary not knowing if higher levels of PFOA are now in my body. Now there is a question I have

to keep asking myself, is it a waiting game now before I become diagnosed with a disease or cancer?

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) is used as a coating to resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. The Saint Gobain in Hoosick Falls uses PFOA while making adhesive tape, extruded tape, skived film and silicone rubber. Since 1956 there has been a factory where Saint Gobain is currently located and they have always been using "scrubbers" designed to filter out the PFOA. They drained this residue right behind the factory, exactly where the town's wells are. These factories have also cleaned their filters by pressure washing the PFOA off onto their parking lot out back near the wells.

The water under Saint Gobain at 14 McCaffrey Street was tested at over 18,000 parts per trillion when the Environmental Protection Agency stated that it becomes unsafe at 400 parts per trillion anywhere.

Saint Gobain is trying to make an effort to help this significant issue by putting in filters for the local businesses so they aren't forced to use contaminated water with their products. Also they are providing 5 gallons of water each day to each family in the village. This water is available at our local grocery store Tops for free. The 5 gallons that we are receiving is nowhere near enough because it is unsafe to use tap water for almost everything. The bottled water is needed for drinking for people and their pets, making each meal throughout the day, brushing teeth, etc. Also the town expects all of us residents to pay for our water bills when it is unsafe to use and tell us not to drink it, cook with it, or even take long showers with.

Recently in the past couple years oddly many people have been becoming sick, some of the people even have become diagnosed with cancer and passing away. We soon found out we have an abundant amount of PFOA in the water, PFOA causes some cancers, higher than normal cholesterol levels, thyroid disease, and reduced fertility. We desperately need this to stop that's why I'm asking you if you could please urge the governor to declare a state of emergency in the Village of Hoosick Falls in order to allow the residents access to aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Thank you for your time and consideration in regards to this matter. I am really looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Stuart McCune